

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

The Examiner has allowed claims 1 – 4, 6, 8 – 12, 15, 16, and 25 – 30.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 15, and 25 – 30 have been amended.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to clarify antecedent basis by amending “device” to “implantable medical device.”

Claims 25, 26, 27, and 28 have been amended to recite “acrylic polymer is” rather than “acrylic polymers are” to make these claims consistent with claims 4, 6, 12, and 15. Claims 27 and 28 have additionally been amended to clarify antecedent basis.

Claims 6, 15, 29, and 30 have been amended to a more traditional Markush format.

No new matter has been introduced, and no new issues have been raised by these claim amendments.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Responsive the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on August 6, 2010, while Applicants believe that each of claims 1 – 4, 6, 8 – 12, 15, 16, and 25 – 30 is allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in each of the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 after the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0397.

Respectfully submitted,

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